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## U.S. MARSHALS TASK FORCE ARRESTS ESCAPEES FROM LOUISIANA JAIL

**Miami, FL** – Three convicted criminals who escaped from a jail in Marksville, Louisiana two weeks ago are behind bars once again. With the combined efforts of the U.S. Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force, the Miami Beach, Miami Dade, and North Miami police departments, the three escaped convicts will be heading back to Louisiana to face escape charges. On Tuesday March 30, 2010 at approximately 0140 hours, the three inmates escaped from the Avoyelles Parish Jail in Marksville, Louisiana. The inmates escaped after they armed themselves with a make shift knife and held it to the throat of a Correctional Officer (CO) and forced him to open the door. The CO was opening the door to a disciplinary holding cell to provide water to inmates within the holding cell when inmate Quentin M. Truehill brandished a handmade knife, held it to the throat of the CO, and threatening to kill the CO if he did not open a nearby access door. As the officer began to comply with Truehill's demands another officer attempted to intervene and was cut on the hand. **Quentin M. Truehill, Kentrell F. Johnson,** and **Peter M. Hughes** all fled the jail facility on foot. Law Enforcement officers and police K-9 dogs gave chase but lost the suspects in a wooded area. Later that same day, the suspects stole a 2006 black Chevy 2500 extended cab pickup truck from a home in Marksville, Louisiana.

On April 7, 2010, law enforcement officers in Miami Dade County recovered the abandoned truck the escapees stole after their escape at 10800 Collins Ave (Haulover Park) Miami, FL. Deputy Marshals and task force officers assigned to the U.S. Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force have been diligently searching for the prison escapees in the Miami area. A "bloody knife" was found inside the cab of the pickup truck. Miami Dade Crime Scene investigators have taken possession of the knife to determine the origin of the blood.

As U.S. Marshals and task force officers began investigating leads after numerous pieces of paper were found in the abandoned truck. Cash receipts and other pieces of evidence eventually led to the capture of the three escapees who were holed up in a motel in the Miami area. Miami Dade detectives spotted another vehicle the escapees were driving and arrested two of the suspects as they pulled into the Budget Inn located at 8929 NW 27 Avenue in Miami. The escapees had just rented a room at that motel earlier that day. The third escapee was apprehended by U.S. Marshals a few blocks away.

Miami Beach detectives and U.S. Marshals Task Force officers also arrested 40-year old Shirley Marcus and charged her with Harboring a Fugitive and Accessory After the Fact. The escapees were driving her vehicle when they were arrested. Marcus made statements acknowledging the fact that she knew all three suspects had escaped from a Louisiana jail.

Details of the escapee's violent criminal past are listed as follows:

**Quentin M. TRUEHILL:** B/M; 5'09"; 140 lbs; D.O.B. 04/16/1987; Cross tattoo on his forehead between his eyes and multiple unknown tattoos on his arms; FID# 1270806; Originally from New Orleans, LA but moved to Lafayette, Louisiana during the Hurricane Katrina evacuation. TRUEHILL was serving a 30 year sentence for Manslaughter and was also convicted of Armed Robbery in Rapides Parish in 2009. TRUEHILL is known to be extremely violent and has a criminal history to include but not limited to: 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder; Manslaughter; Armed Robbery; Aggravated Kidnapping; Resisting an Officer; Possession W/Intent Distribute Cocaine; etc...

**Peter M. HUGHES:** B/M; 6'02; 150 lbs.; D.O.B. 10/31/1987; (FID# 1876059); Originally from Abbeville, LA.; HUGHES was serving a 4 year sentence for Unauthorized Entry of an Inhabited Dwelling; HUGHES has a violent criminal history to include but not limited to: Aggravated Assault; Battery; Domestic Abuse Battery; Battery on a Correctional Officer; Simple Escape; Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon; Resisting an Officer (multiple); Hit and Run; etc...

**Kentrell F. JOHNSON:** B/M; 6'03"; 230lbs.; D.O.B. 10/04/1970; (FID# 1782336); Originally from the Lafourche, Thibodaux, LA area. JOHNSON was serving a Ten Year Parole Violation and awaiting trial on Armed Robbery Charges (facing possible 40 years). JOHNSON is known to be extremely violent and a trained boxer from the Louisiana State Prison system (Angola). JOHNSON has a violent criminal history to include but not limited to Possession of Firearms; Battery; Car Jacking; Possession of Cocaine; Distribution of Cocaine; Hit and Run (to avoid capture); Armed Robbery; etc...

**All three fugitives were booked into the Miami Dade County jail on charges of escape.**

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